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Status							
•	Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>14 October 2005</u> .						
,	This action is FINAL . 2b)⊠ This action is non-final.						
3)	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is						
	closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.						
Dispositi	on of Claims						
• •	4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-11,13-19,22-24,26,27,29 and 30</u> is/are pending in the application.						
	4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.						
• —	5) Claim(s) 13 and 14 is/are allowed.						
· -	Claim(s) <u>1-11, 22-24, 26</u> is/are rejected.	•					
	Claim(s) <u>15-19</u> , <u>27 and 29-30</u> is/are objected t						
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.							
Applicati	ion Papers		•				
, —	The specification is objected to by the Examine						
10)	The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) acc						
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).							
11)	Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d). 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.						
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Priority (under 35 U.S.C. § 119						
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).							
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:							
	1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.						
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage 							
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).							
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.							
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	ce of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) Interview Summary	(PTO-413)				
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 2. Claims 1-11, 22-24 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamaoka.

Regarding claim 1, 22, 26, Yamaoka discloses a electromagnetic strut assembly with features of the claimed invention including a member having a structure adapted to transmit force which extends generally radially of an axis with a radially inner region and a radially outer region, and at least one region of permanent magnetization as a load sensor (see claim 1) disposed between said inner and outer regions to be responsive to the transmitted stress and emanate a magnetic field (see, also claim 19).

Regarding claims 2, 8 and 11, Yamaoka shows the use of plurality of magnets.

Regarding claim 3, 24, the magnets are arcuate (see figures 4-5).

Regarding claim 4, the magnets are is an interrupted annulus (see figures 4-5).

Regarding claims 5, 23, the magnets are annular (see figures 4-5).

Regarding claim 6, the structure is radial.

Regarding claims 7, 9, and 10 in each cross section the structure is disk shape.

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3. Claims 15-19, 27, 29-30 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. Claims 13-14 are allowed because of the extension of the magnetization with respect to the axis.

Response to Amendment

- 5. Applicant's amendment and arguments filed 10/14/05 have been fully considered but they are most in view of the new ground of rejection.
- 6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
- 7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Max H. Noori whose telephone number is (571) 272-2185. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2800. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. The central fax number is (703) 827-9306.

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